

Our Third Grade Fieldtrip



to Brookside Gardens

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Do you know what the biggest or the smallest seed in the world is? On one chilly, autumn day our third grade classes went to Brookside Gardens and learned the answers to those questions. We went there to continue to study our science unit about Bees and Plants. When we first arrived, one of the guides from Brookside Gardens discussed different kinds of seeds and how they traveled. We looked at the biggest and the smallest seeds in the world. The biggest seed is the Coco de Mer. This seed grows on palm trees and is located in the tropics in the Seychelles. The smallest seed in the world is found in the cattail plant.

At the nature center, each of us planted a spider plant. The guides took us step by step and showed us how to properly pot a plant and how to care for it. All third grade students got to take a plant home.

Next, one of the guides discussed different kinds of seeds and took us on a seed hunt. We collected seeds in a pouch. We found a variety of seeds such as berries, pine cones, and helicopters.

We had a good time at Brookside Gardens learning about plants and seeds. Here are some photographs of our fieldtrip.

Highland View Third Graders at Brookside Gardens



Students hold a Coco de Mer seed pod, the largest seed in the world.



These cattail plants hold the smallest seeds.

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Students identified different types of trees, seeds, and observed natural wildlife.



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Third graders learned how to pot plants and care for them.

